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7. The handle section as claimed in claim 3, **characterized in that** the encoding detection device (5) is actuatable mechanically.

10. The handle section as claimed in claim 1, **characterized in that** a probe element of the encoding detection device (5) is movably, preferably displaceably, mounted and has an engagement surface (56) for engagement with a corresponding actuating surface (55) of a cleaning tool (2).

12. The handle section as claimed in claim 10, **characterized in that** the probe element is formed by a drive shaft (28) mounted preferably in longitudinally displaceable fashion.

13. The handle section as claimed in claim 11, **characterized in that** the motion sensor is a probe element (57), for example, a switch, according to claim 8 or 9.

14. The handle section as claimed in claim 1, **characterized in that** the encoding detection device (5) includes a signal receiver (20) for receiving an encoded signal from the cleaning tool (2), particularly from the interlock canceling element (7), and/or a signal transmitter (20) for transmitting a signal, particularly an interrogation or activation signal, to the coupled cleaning tool (2), in particular the interlock canceling element (7).

15. The handle section as claimed in claim 1, **characterized in that** the encoding detection device (5) includes an optical sensor (12; 13; 15) for detecting an optical encoding of the respective cleaning tool (2) attached, particularly the interlock canceling element (7).

16. The handle section as claimed in claim 1, **characterized in that** the encoding detection device (5) includes a magnetic sensor (6; 9; 10) for detecting a magnetic encoding of the respective cleaning tool (2) attached, particularly the interlock canceling element (7).

17. The handle section as claimed in claim 1, **characterized in that** the encoding detection device (5) includes a sensor (9), in particular a circuit or the like, for detecting a metallic and/or electromagnetic encoding of the respective cleaning tool (2) attached, particularly the interlock canceling element (7).

18. The handle section as claimed in claim 1, **characterized in that** the encoding detection device (5) includes a capacitive sensor (21) for detecting a capacitive encoding of the respective cleaning tool (2) attached, particularly the interlock canceling element (7).

19. The handle section as claimed in claim 1, **characterized in that** the encoding detection device (5) includes an electrical sensor for detecting an electrical encoding of the respective cleaning tool (2) attached, particularly the interlock canceling element (7).

20. The handle section as claimed in claim 1, **characterized in that** the encoding detection device (5) is arranged in a closed, in particular fluid-tight handle housing (26).

21. The handle section according to the prior art portion of claim 1, **characterized in that** the interlock canceling element (7) for deactivation of an interlock device (100) of the handle section (1) is associated with the handle section itself, being in particular fastened to or in the handle housing (26).

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25. The cleaning tool as claimed in claim 23, **characterized in that** the interlock canceling element includes a signal receiver for receiving a signal from the handle section (1) and/or a signal transmitter for transmitting an interlock deactivating signal to the handle section (1), in particular a smart transponder chip (19).

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27. The cleaning tool as claimed in claim 23, **characterized in that** the interlock canceling element possesses an encoding body, particularly a shaped body, which is fixedly connected to the body of the cleaning tool and arranged and configured so as to be positioned in the range of detection of an encoding detection device (5) of the handle section (1) when the cleaning tool (2) and the handle section (1) are in coupled condition.

28. The cleaning tool as claimed in claim 23, **characterized in that** provision is made for at least one actuating section as interlock canceling element, which on coupling of the cleaning tool (2) to the handle section (1) actuates a probe element (28) or a sensing element (17; 57) on the handle section (1), particularly by moving and/or deforming it by a predetermined degree and/or in a predetermined direction and/or exerting a predetermined force thereon.

29. The cleaning tool as claimed in claim 23, **characterized in that** as actuating section an actuating surface (55) is provided, in particular a pressure application surface, an abutment or the like, which registers with a corresponding engagement surface (56) or mating abutment associated with the probe element (28) or sensing element of the handle section (1) in such manner that on coupling of the cleaning tool (2) to the handle section the engagement surface (56) on the handle section

is moved by a predetermined amount and/or in a predetermined direction and/or is acted upon by a predetermined force.

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30. The cleaning tool as claimed in claim 23, **characterized in that** the interlock canceling element (7) is configured in such manner that preferably a section of a drive shaft (49) in the cleaning tool cooperates with a drive shaft (28) of the handle section (1).

31. The cleaning tool as claimed in claim 23, **characterized in that** the interlock canceling element (7) includes at least one magnetic field effecting member or encoding body (8) which is arranged preferably in the area of a coupling end of the cleaning tool (2).

32. The cleaning tool as claimed in claim 23, wherein the interlock canceling element (7) includes at least one dielectrically acting member or encoding body (8) which is arranged preferably in the area of a coupling end of the cleaning tool (2), being constructed to protrude beyond the end in particular in the direction of the coupling motion.

33. The cleaning tool as claimed in claim 23, wherein the interlock canceling element (7) includes an optical waveguide (37) communicating with a light entrance opening (38) and a light exit opening (39) provided preferably in the coupling end of the body of the cleaning tool.

34 The cleaning tool as claimed in claim 23, **characterized in that** the interlock canceling element (7) is an integral part of the body of the cleaning tool.